

Eagleswood July 16-60  
Mr Child

Dear friend

I remem-  
ber very well, and was  
present at the trial of  
the white girl Mary  
Gilmore. I remembered  
how still she sat\* with  
the slave's friend, dear  
Thomas Shipley, by her side,  
and how she sometimes  
looked up earnestly when  
anything looked hopeful,  
or doubtful.

I remember how David  
Paul Brown examined  
the witnesses, and made  
a young lady, Miss Mitchel  
of Baltimore, contradict  
herself; She pretending  
and taking oath, that

x in the crowded court-room



the eighteen years old  
girl before he was the  
same one her brother  
in-law Dr Hkin had lost  
when she was only six  
years.

J. P. Brown. "When was the  
girl's place, in the parlor  
or in the kitchen?"

Miss Mitchel. In the kitchen.  
J. P. Brown. And to which did

you make your visits to  
the parlor or to the kitchen?  
It was proved that a  
wealthy colored man and  
his wife having no children  
had adopted this girl when  
she was a little child;

\* and it was very uncertain  
how it would turn out  
until the Quaker apothecary  
Zollkoffer brought in  
evidence that he had  
given the girl medicine  
before the time Dr Hkin  
gave as having lost her.



That settled the matter, and she was free, to the great joy of the people who had not relished seeing a white girl claimed as a slave.

Many suspected Dr H Kim had made a mistake in the date.

I taught the girl awhile, and remember her as a white girl, with straight black hair, with very pleasant, modest, pretty manners, and a good mind. I do not know what became of her, and was glad when your note recalled her to me.

If what I have told you is not sufficient, I think consult Mary Earle - or George Earle, or others in Philada might give you more



How I wish you two  
dear people would come  
and see us.

With love for you both

Your friend

Reuben B Spring

I Remember hearing that  
a woman brought Mary  
Gilmore to the house of  
the colored people, and  
died there. The people  
who claimed Mary as their  
slave said, her mother  
took her from them, and  
escaped.